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Biography

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR RAFAEL CONDE

Wisconsin Army National Guard

Command Sgt. Maj. Rafael Conde serves as the Wisconsin Army National Guard's eighth State Command Sergeant Major. He was born in Havana, Cuba in October 1962 and enlisted in the Minnesota National Guard in January 1983. He attended Basic Combat and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Benning, GA.

Command Sgt. Maj. Conde graduated from Miami Senior High School, Miami, Fla. in 1980; He attended Fergus Falls Community College, Fergus Falls, Minn. in 1982; and the University of Minnesota-Morris, Morris, Minn. in 1984; Primary Leader Development Course; Basic Non-Commissioned Officer Course; Advanced Non-Commissioned Officer Course; and the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy.



Command Sgt. Maj. Conde served as Command Sgt. Maj. for the 2nd Battalion, 127th Infantry, 32d Infantry Brigade Combat Team from 2004-2007. During this time, the battalion served as the Iraqi Theater Convoy Security and Support Battalion from August 2005 until August 2006. In July 2007, the 2nd Battalion, 127th Infantry conducted a rotation on the United States-Mexican Border assisting the U.S. Border Patrol in Arizona. In the fall of 2007 Command Sgt. Maj. Conde was assigned to the newly formed 32nd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 32nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team. In March of 2009, Command Sgt. Maj. Conde mobilized once again for deployment to Afghanistan with an Embedded Training Team. In September 2009, Command Sgt. Maj. Conde was assigned to Regional Support Team-North Afghanistan as the senior NCO for the Afghanistan National Security Forces development and infrastructure growth. His latest assignment was as the Command Sgt. Maj. Rafael Conde for 32nd "Red Arrow" Infantry Brigade Combat Team, a major subordinate command of the Wisconsin Army National Guard, with approximately 3,600 Soldiers.

Command Sgt. Maj. Conde has earned numerous decorations, awards, and citations in his 33-year military career. These awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf; the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters; Army Achievement Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters; Army Good Conduct Medal; Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster; National Defense Service Medal, 2nd award; Iraq Campaign Medal; Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Armed Forces Reserve Medal, 2nd award and with M-Device; NCO Professional Development Ribbon with numeral 4; Army Service Ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon with numeral 2; Armed Forces Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon; Non-Article 5, NATO Medal; Combat Infantry Badge; Wisconsin Write Medal, 20th award; and the Wisconsin Army National Guard Service Ribbon, 4th award.

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